GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA

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THREAT TO MUMBAI AIRPORT
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether slums near Mumbai airport are posing threat to flight operations from the airport;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has done any assessment of the spread of slums near the airport; and

(d) if so, the details thereof alongwith the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard and to rehabilitate the people living in these areas?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF OVERSEAS INDIAN AFFAIRS & MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI VAYALAR RAVI)

(a) & (b) Yes, Madam. There are about 85000 slum dwelling units on airport land all round the periphery of the Airport operational boundary.

(c) Government of Maharashtra is carrying out the eligibility survey of hutments on Airport land for the purpose of rehabilitation and removal of encroachments.

(d) Mumbai International Airport Private Limited has entered into an agreement with M/s Housing Development & Infrastructure Limited for slum rehabilitation. Eligible slum dwellers will be rehabilitated in the housing units constructed by HDIL.